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Montana Breast & Cervical Health Program (MBCHP)

Welcome to our Web Letter. If you would like to see articles or need information please contact us.

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Data Update

July 1, 2007 – March 31, 2008

Total women screened through program: 3,496
Total American Indian women screened: 479

Number of Mammograms: 2,714
Number of Abnormal Mammograms: 44

Number of Pap Tests: 1,887
Number of Abnormal Pap Tests: 57

Comments from our clients in MBCHP ♥

"Easy, respectfully treated"
"It saves lives of those who don't have insurance"
"It's great thing for the people who cannot afford insurance and need the service. Thank you so much"

Program Managers:

Karan Kunz, RN, BSN

Program Specialist Manager

- *Contract Liaison for administrative site contractors to assure statewide screening activities

- *Ensures program funding through grant writing to CDC and other sources such as Komen

- *Develop and implement statewide comprehensive workplan and budget

- *Develop and implement the American Indian Screening Initiative

- *Develop and implement public education plan
Implement and maintain the evaluation plan to monitor program performance

Kathy Myers, RN, BSN

Program Clinical Quality Manager

- *Contract Liaison for Fiscal Agent to assure medical service provider reimbursement
Implement and monitor the quality assurance and improvement plan for clinical quality

- *Maintain surveillance system and statewide database to report the disease burden of breast and cervical cancer

- *Maintain, coordinate, and manage the Medical Advisory Board

- *Develop and implement the professional education plan

- *Assure that women are referred to the Montana Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program



Medical Service Provider Updates:

Liquid Based Cervical Cytology Policy Changes for the MBCHP:

In July, 2007 the MBCHP began reimbursing the liquid based cervical cytology every two years for women with normal Pap test results. **If a woman had a normal liquid based Pap test last year she will not be eligible through the MBCHP for a Pap test this year.** This policy does not apply to women with abnormal Pap test results.

E-Mail Communication-Please Respond:

The MBCHP will be sending written communication to medical service providers via email effective August 2008. Please go to www.cancer.mt.gov and click on "provider email" button. The MBCHP will use provider email addresses for program communication as well as the MBCHP webpage at www.cancer.mt.gov. Please respond quickly to this request with your main contact email (preferred) or the individual emails of the providers.

2008-2009 Reimbursement/Fee Schedule:

The 2008-2009 Reimbursement/Fee Schedule is attached. It is also located on www.cancer.mt.gov.

Data Manager

Mary Buck, BS Computer Science

*Develop, implement, support, and manage the statewide data system for collection, reporting and analysis of all program data. *Report data to CDC and analyze results of data for MBCHP utilization.

*Design and update program forms

*Converts clinical data for the monitoring of administrative site progress

*Provide training to state staff and contractors as needed

*Communication Liaison with IMS on behalf of the MBCHP

Did You Know?

The mission of Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program is to reduce breast and cervical cancer morbidity and mortality.

The MBCHP provides 1:1 targeted outreach to screen women who are rarely or never screened. They are at the greatest risk for cervical cancer.

The two biggest risks for breast cancer are being a woman and getting older

Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October



Cervical Cancer Awareness Month
January



More... Did You Know?

The MBCHP will only reimburse HPV testing for a Pap test result of **Atypical Squamous Cells of Undetermined Significance (ASC-US)**.

The MBCHP recommends liquid based Pap testing be performed every two years on women who have normal Pap tests.

The MBCHP has over 900 enrolled medical service providers statewide.

American Indian Screening Coordinator Charlotte Kelley, RN, BSN

*Provide leadership, support and direction for the Montana American Indian Women's Health Coalition.

*Design, implement, and evaluate the outreach programs for American Indian women and culturally appropriate professional education programs.

*Provide leadership and direction for relationships with American Indian health systems staff and providers.

*Assist the IHS screening sites with program compliance and provide technical assistance for screening.

MBCHP Administrative Sites:

Site 1 Flathead City-County Health Department – Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, and Sanders counties. Contact Sally Kat Bertelson at 406-751-8162

Site 2 Missoula County Health Department – Mineral, Missoula and Ravalli counties and the Missoula Indian Center. Contact Sara Cassan at 406-258-4162

Site 3 Lewis & Clark City-County Health Department – Broadwater, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, and Meagher counties and the Helena Indian Alliance. Contact Melissa Baker at 406-457-8923

Site 4 Butte-Silver Bow County Health Department – Beaverhead, Deer Lodge, Granite, Madison, Silver Bow, and Powell counties and the North American Indian Alliance. Contact Renee Ashby at 406-4977-5080

Site 5 Teton County Health Department – Teton, Pondera, Glacier, Toole and Liberty counties and the Blackfeet reservation. Contact Jo Lynn Miller at 406-466-2562

Site 6 Gallatin City-County Health Department – Gallatin, Park, and Sweet Grass counties. Contact Tami Cavanaugh at 406-582-3107

Site 7 Cascade City-County Health Department – Cascade and Chouteau counties and the Indian Family Health Clinic. Contact Karen Grindelind at 406-791-9272

Site 8 Yellowstone City-County Health Department DBA RiverStone Health – Big Horn, Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, Treasure, and Yellowstone counties; Tribal Leader's Council; Billings Indian Health Board; and Crow and Northern Cheyenne reservations. Contact Molly Hale at 406-247-3320

Site 9 Blaine County Health Department – Blaine, Hill, and Phillips counties and Rocky Boy and Fort Belknap reservations. Contact Frances Hodgson at 406-357-2345

Site 10 Central Montana Family Planning – Fergus, Judith Basin, Petroleum, and Wheatland counties. Contact Sue Irvin at 406-535-8811

Site 11 Daniels County Health Department -Daniels, Roosevelt, and Sheridan Valley counties and Fort Peck reservation. Contact Mary Nyhus at 406-783-5366

Site 12 Rosebud County Health Department -Custer, Garfield, Carter, Powder River and Rosebud counties. Contact Ginger roll at 406- 346-2156

Site 13 Richland County Health Department – Dawson, Fallon, McCone, Prairie, Richland, and Wibaux counties. Contact Linda Rupp at 406-433-2207

The Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program received \$41,000 grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure Montana Affiliate

In support of the Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program's (MBCHP) American Indian Screening Initiative, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Montana Affiliate has awarded a grant to promote mammography and breast health education with American Indian women living in Montana. The money will help support local MBCHP activities on the reservations and in the Urban Indian centers. These activities include education, recruitment, and providing screening support services. The population of Montana is 91% white, 7% American Indian, and 2% all other races. As a group, American Indians report very low screening rates for mammography. Through the focus of bringing American Indian women into breast cancer screening using culturally appropriate screening opportunities and education, the MBCHP has demonstrated a steady increase in recruiting and screening American Indian women. The partnership with Komen helps meet the goal to bring the benefits of the Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program to all qualified Montana women, especially our priority population among Montana's American Indian women.

The Native Women's Journey to Wellness conference

was held in Missoula on May 2, 2008. It is the first Regional conference funded by the DPHHS Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program, Montana American Indian Women's Health Coalition, CDC and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The conference was attended by 90 women from tribes across the state and was very successful. The focus of the conference was to build skills and offer knowledge to American Indian women to be more proactive and empowered to take ownership of their health and wellness for themselves, families and communities.

The MBCHP maintains a Toll Free Number for women and providers interested in the program
1-888-803-934

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Health Education Specialist

Diane Arave, BS Human Services

- *Provide leadership, planning, implementation, and evaluation related to the educational efforts for breast and cervical cancer control
- *Design, implement, and evaluate three statewide public education campaigns giving opportunities to administrative sites for community and 1:1 outreach
- *Provide leadership, direction, and support for the public education sub-committee

Administrative Accountant

Valerie Weedman, AAS Accounting

- *Provide administrative and accounting support for MBCHP
- *Assure program funds are appropriately assigned for re-imbursement within state fiscal system
- *Monitor expenditures and balances of all contracts
- *Manage communications with sites regarding meetings and calls
- Manage and maintain web page